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1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFTEL A, REQUEST DEPT AUTHORIZATION TO EXCHANGE NOTES WITH GOP ON LORAN A AGREEMENT. THE FINAL AGREED WORDING FOR NOTES IS SAME AS DEPT PROVIDED EMB BY POUCH (REFTEL A) EXCEPT EFFECTIVE DATE IN PARAGRAPH 12 MADE JANUARY 1, 1975, AS APPROVED BY REFTEL B, AND DURATION OF INITIAL AGREEMENT IN PARAGRAPH 11 MADE 2 YEARS RENEWABLE ON A YEARLY BASIS AS APPROVED BY REFTEL C. IN ADDITION, IN ACCORDANCE REFTEL C, PAYMENT AUTHORIZED FOR EACH YEAR OF TWO YEAR AGREEMENT.

2. THE FOLLOWING IS VERBATIM TEXT OF PROPOSED AGREEMENT:
QUOTE THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND HAS THE HONOR TO REFER TO THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS, DATED OCTOBER 19, 1970, WHICH AGREEMENT TERMINATED ON DECEMBER 31, 1974, AND TO THE RECENT DIS-
CUSSIONS BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS
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CONCERNING THE CONTINUING OPERATION OF THE THE LONG RANGE

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AID TO NAVIGATION-A STATIONS (LORAN A) OWNED AND
OPERATED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE
PHILIPPINES. PARA IN ORDER TO ASSIST THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES IN THE ATTAINMENT OF ITS
GOAL OF EFFICIENTLY AND INDEPENDENTLY OPERATING ITS
LORAN-A STATIONS IN CONSONANCE WITH ITS INTERESTS IN
PROVIDING NAVIGATIONAL AIDS AND IN RECOGNITION OF THE
USE MADE OF THESE NAVIGATIONAL AIDS BY UNITED STATES
AIRCRAFT AND VESSELS, THE EMBASSY PROPOSES THE FOLLOWING:
PARA THE LORAN-A STATIONS REFERRED TO IN THIS AGREEMENT
ARE LOCATED AT BATAN ISLANDS, BATANES; NAULO POINT,
SANTA CRUZ, ZAMBALES; LITTLE PANAY ISLAND, CATANDUANES;
TALAMPULAN ISLAND, PALAWAN; AND TARUMPITAO POINT,
PALAWAN. PARA THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD WILL
PROVIDE TECHNICAL CONSULTANTS, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANCE,
THE NECESSARY SPARE AND/OR REPLACEMENT PARTS FOR THE
OPERATION OF LORAN-A TRANSMITTING EQUIPMENT, TESTING AND
CALIBRATION EQUIPMENT, TRANSMITTING ANTENNAS, POWER
GENERATING EQUIPMENT AND SINGLE SIDE BAND VOICE TRANS-
MITTING AND RECEIVING EQUIPMENT INCLUDING LORAN TRANS-
MITTING EQUIPMENT AT THE TRAINING CENTER AT SANGLEY
POINT, AT NO COST TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PHILIPPINES.
PARA UNITED STATES COAST GUARD TECHNICIANS, IN ORDER
TO ASSIST IN THE INSTALLATION OF NEW FIELD CHANGES, TO
MAKE ALTERATIONS, TO ESTIMATE FUTURE PARTS REQUIREMENTS,
AND FOR OTHER SUCH PURPOSES, MAY, UPON NOTIFICATION TO
THE APPROPRIATE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT OFFICE, VISIT ANY
OF THE STATIONS LISTED ABOVE. PARA THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES WILL, BEFORE CHANGING THE
LORAN-A TRANSMITTING AND OTHER EQUIPMENT PRESENTLY
BEING USED AT SAID STATIONS, CONSULT WITH THE UNITED
STATES COAST GUARD REGARDING SUCH CHANGES. PARA THE
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD, WITHIN ITS CAPACITY AND
AUTHORITY AND SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS AND
PERSONNEL, WILL ASSIST THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PHILIPPINES
IN ESTABLISHING IN THE PHILIPPINES A BASIC TECHNICAL
TRAINING PROGRAM FOR LORAN-A OPERATION PERSONNEL AT
SANGLEY POINT. PARA TO HELP DEFRAY THE COST OF
SUPPLYING AND OPERATING THE SAID STATIONS, THE
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD WILL PROVIDE THE GOVERNMENT
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OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES THE SUM OF FIVE
THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR EACH OF THE LORAN-A STATIONS LISTED
ABOVE FOR EACH YEAR PERIOD CONTEMPLATED BY THIS AGREEMENT
AND IS NON-REFUNDABLE. PARA ENTRY INTO THE REPUBLIC OF
THE PHILIPPINES OF ALL SPARE PARTS, MATERIAL AND
EQUIPMENT PROVIDED BY THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
FOR THE CONTINUED OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE
LORAN-A STATIONS IS AUTHORIZED FREE OF ALL CUSTOMS, DUTIES

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AND OTHER TAXES AND CHARGES. ALSO, SUCH EQUIPMENT AND
MATERIAL WILL BE EXEMPT FROM ALL TRANSPORTATION CHARGES
IF THE MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION BELONGS TO THE PHILIPPINE
GOVERNMENT, ITS AGENCIES OR SUB-DIVISIONS. PARA UNITED
STATES COAST GUARD PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO IMPLEMENT THIS
AGREEMENT WILL HAVE A STATUS IDENTICAL WITH THAT OF
MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES PRESENT IN THE
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES IN CONNECTION WITH THE
OPERATION, MAINTENANCE AND USE OF THE UNITED STATES
MILITARY BASES PURSUANT TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AND THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES MILITARY BASES
AGREEMENT OF 1947, AS AMENDED. PARA THIS AGREEMENT
SHALL REMAIN IN FORCE FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS. DURING
THIS PERIOD EITHER GOVERNMENT MAY TERMINATE THE AGREEMENT
BY PROVIDING THE OTHER GOVERNMENT WITH 60 DAYS WRITTEN
NOTICE. IF EIGTHER GOVERNMENT WISHES TO EXTEND THIS
AGREEMENT BEYOND THE TWO-YEAR PERIOD, IT WILL REQUEST
CONSULTATIONS 60 DAYS PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION DATE OF THIS
AGREEMENT. THIS AGREEMENT MAY BE EXTENDED BY MUTUAL
AGREEMENT ON AN ANNUAL BASIS. PARA IF THE FORE-
GOING IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC
OF THE PHILIPPINES, THE EMBASSY PROPOSES THAT THIS
NOTE AND THE DEPARTMENT'S REPLY INDICATING CONCURRENCE
SHALL CONSTITUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS
EFFECTIVE AS OF JANUARY 1, 1975. PARA THE EMBASSY
AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE
DEPARTMENT THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.
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3. EMB HAS OBTAINED GOP CONCURRENCE IN WORDING OF
ABOVE NOTE AND TO FINALIZING AGREEMENT BY EXCHANGE OF
NOTES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IT IS HOPED THAT DEPT
AUTHORIZATION CAN BE EXPEDITED SO THAT NOTES CAN BE
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EXCHANGED PRIOR TO NOVEMBER 1, 1975. GOP HAS BEEN
VERY UNDERSTANDING OF DELAY ENCOUNTERED AND IN VIEW OF
MOMENTUM NOW ESTABLISHED TOWARDS AGREEMENT, EMB WOULD
LIKE TO FINALIZE AGREEMENT ASAP.
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